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FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

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SUBJ: WIRE SERVICE STORY RE AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA

1. MONTEVIDEO RADIO STATIONS EVENING JUNE 27 AND SOME PRESS ORGANS CARRIED UPI REPORT DATED LATELY LA PAZ WHICH ALLEGED THAT AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA HAD STATED HE DID NOT WISH TO ACCEPT AMBASSADORSHIP IN URUGUAY.

2. EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY INFORMED AMBASSADOR OF THIS STORY AND AFTER RECEIVING HIS REPLY, HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING DENIAL STATEMENT:

3. QUOTE LA EMBAJADA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS EN MONTEVIDEO HA INFORMADO AL EMBAJADOR ERNEST V. SIRACUSA, NOMINADO POR EL PRESIDENTE NIXON PARA SERVIR COMO EMBAJADOR EN URUGUAY, DE LAS NOTICIAS ACTUALES RELATIVAS A SUS FUTUROS SERVICIOS EN ESTE PAIS. EL EMBAJADOR SIRACUSA HA RESPONDIDO QUE LAS NOTICIAS QUE ALEGABAN QUE EL NO DESEABA SERVIR EN URUGUAY SON ABSOLUTAMENTE ABSURDAS Y TOTALMENTE FALSAS. EL EMBAJADOR SIRACUSA, SU ESPOSA E HIJOS, ESPERAN CON ANHELO PODER SERVIR EN CONJUNCION CONSTRUCTIVA Y AMISTOSA CON EL PUEBLO URUGUAYO. UNQUOTE EMBASSY STATEMENT NOW BEING CARRIED BY MONTEVIDEO RADIO STATIONS.

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4. I CALLED FOREIGN MINISTER JUAN CARLOS BLANCO THIS MORNING TO ASSURE HIM THAT UPI STORY WAS, OF COURSE, ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE. FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT HE HAD HAD NO DOUBT THAT STORY WAS FALSE AND THAT HE HAD NOT BELIEVED IT FOR A MUNUTE.

5. FOREIGN MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT " FRENTE AMPLIO" SENATOR ERRO ( WHO REPORTEDLY HAS NOW ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN ARGENTINA) HAS MADE SEVERAL RADIO BROADCASTS IN BUENOS AIRES, ALLEGING THAT AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLOSURE OF URUGUAYAN CONGRESS. BLANCO SAID HE HAS REQUESTED URUGUAYAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES TO SEND TO MINISTRY TAPES OF ERRO BROADCAST. HE STATED THAT ERRO STATEMENTS ARE SO PATENTLY RIDICULOUS, ESPECIALLY COMING FROM SUCH A PERSON WELL- KNOWN FOR WILD AND UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS, THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THEY WOULD BE GIVEN NO CREDENCE.  
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